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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Room TW-A325
Washington DC 20554

Waiver – CC Docket 02-6

USAC Appeal Decision Date – March 1st, 2018

Form 471 Number: 161052858

FRN Numbers: 1699134050, 1699134081, 1699134093

Funding Year: 2016

Billed Entity Name: Hermitage House Youth Services, Inc.

BEN: 16028582

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Appealing the denial of funding based on the late filing date of form 472. See document “SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES BEAR PROGRAM REMITTANCE STATEMENT FY 2016”, also attached to this submission.

Requested Action: We request that FCC consider granting a waiver to the due date of FCC Form 472.

Basis for Requested Action: We mistakenly thought automatic 120 day extensions were granted on the above referenced FRN's.

Summary: Simply put, we missed a filing deadline. All funds applied for (\$21,120) have been expended by Hermitage House Youth Services, Inc. for services received in the 2016 funding year. This oversight represents a substantial loss for Hermitage House. Hermitage House is a small nonprofit organization (annual budget ~ \$4mm) that assists troubled youths in a residential, therapeutic setting. As part of our programming, we have an on grounds school that youths attend while residing at Hermitage House. We are appreciative of the ERATE program and assure you that we are making every effort to understand and comply with program rules. We hope you are able to restore funding to help Hermitage House continue its mission and forgive this one-time error.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ickes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Ickes
Director of Finance